GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:834
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HOMELESS/ LANDLESS PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of homeless and landless people in the country as on date, State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to improve their conditions and outcome thereof during the last two years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): As per Census 2001, the number of agricultural workers in India is 10.67 crores. A statement showing the state-wise data of agricultural workers is annexed.

(b): The Ministry of Labour and Employment has initiated several measures to solve the problems of the landless labourers. Various labour laws like the Minimum Wages Act 1948; the Workmen Compensation Act, 1923; the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976, the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (RE&CS) Act, 1979 are applicable to these workers. There is no specific schemes/programmes for improving the conditions of these Labourers being implemented by this Ministry. However, there are various schemes/programmes being implemented by other Ministries/Departments for improving the conditions of rural poor including landless labourers. Some of such schemes are: Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yoana; Sampoorna Grameen Rogar Yojana; Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana; National Social Assistance Programme; etc. The Government has recently enacted National Rural Employment Guarantee Act which provide 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunt eer to do unskilled manual work.

ANNEXURE
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PART (A) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 834 FOR 27.11.2006 REGARDING HOMELESS/LANDLESS PEOPLE.
NUMBER OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS IN THE COUNTRY

(Source: Census 2001)

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UTs	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	13832152
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	18840
3.	Assam	1263532
4.	Bihar	13417744
5.	Chhattisgarh	3091358
6.	Goa	35806
7	Gujarat	5161658
8.	Haryana	1278821
9.	Himachal Pradesh	94171
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	246421
11.	Jharkhand	2851297
12.	Karnataka	6226942
13.	Kerala	1620851
14.	Madhya Pradesh	7400670
15.	Maharashtra	10815262
16.	Manipur	113630
17.	Meghalaya	171694
18.	Mizoram	26783
19.	Nagaland	30907
20.	Orissa	4999104
21.	Punjab	1489861
22.	Rajasthan	2523719
23.	Sikkim	17000
24.	Tamil Nadu	8637630
25.	Tripura	276132

26. Uttar Pradesh 13400911
27. Uttaranchal 259683
28. West Bengal 7362957
29. A & N Islands 5169
30. Chandigarh 563
31. Dadra & Nagar Haveli 14715
32. Daman & Diu 1323
33. Delhi 15773
34. Lakshadweep 00
35. Pondicherry 72251
Total 106775330

NOTE: India and Manipur figures exclude Mao Maram, Paomata and Purul sub-divs of Senapati District in Manipur state as census results were cancelled due to administrative and technical reasons.